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PLANT FOR USE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
METHOD

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment within the U.S. National Stage related to International Application No. PCT/NO00/00093 as filed on March 17, 2000, having a priority date of March 25, 1999. The Preliminary Amendment herein relates to the Published Application having an International Publication Date of October 5, 2000, and International Publication Number WO 00/57718.

The claims were previously amended in response to the International Preliminary Examination Report of the 20th day of July 2000. Amended claims 1-8 are presently pending within this application. Applicant encloses herewith a photocopy of previously amended claims 1-8 for the convenience of the Patent Office.

As a Preliminary Amendment, please amend this applications as follows:

On page 1, please replace lines 1 and 2 as follows:

"A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING FEED PELLETS AND A PLANT FOR USE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METHOD"

On page 1, between lines 2 and 3, please insert the below identified paragraphs and/or pages:

"BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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